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SPORTS

Palmer approves cross country, golf and soccer for fall competition

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PALMER – After multiple meetings, the Palmer School Committee on Sept. 16 voted to approve soccer for competition this fall, reverting the original August vote, going against recommendations from the school’s athletic director and trainer.

During the public comment section of the meeting, parent Nicky Rathbone was the first to speak. During her speech, Rathbone acknowledged that her daughter, now a senior, has been playing soccer since she was in the first grade and has always looked forward to playing during her senior year.

Also, she said that seniors have had their prom postponed twice and their SAT’s have been cancelled as well, adding that allowing sports to be accessible to students could

make up for it.

“Seniors have had a lot taken away from them; please don’t take away their sports,” Rathbone said to the committee. “You have an opportunity to make them feel like their voice is being heard. You have an opportunity to stand behind them and show them that you’re with them. They know the rules. They know the guidelines.”

During the deliberation, school athletic director Matt Marciniac provided an update on fall sports in Massachusetts. In Palmer, guidelines include that teams can only be on-site if playing, no locker rooms will be accessible so players must come to games and practices dressed, and cancellations may not be made up, among others.

Athletic Trainer Brittany Ford asked the committee for the previous vote to delay competition for moderate risk sports to the fall



An inside look of the Palmer School Committee meeting on Sept. 16. Turley Publications staff photos by Jonah Snowden

two season (beginning Feb. 22) be upheld, while continuing to allow on-campus modified practices for moderate risk sports and evaluating

data as it emerges on case trends as schools re-open.

“Right now, we don’t know what’s going to happen with sports

(and community spread)” said Ford. “We do have modifications in place, and I think they’re modifications we need in order to play those sports.

Ultimately, we don’t know if they’re effective. Even mask wearing isn’t

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EDUCATION

Monson schools start remote learning

Superintendent
‘dismayed’ by negativity

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MONSON – Monson Public Schools superintendent Dr. Cheryl Clarke said that while no first day of school is ever without hiccups, the remote learning platform has presented new challenges – including parents yelling at teachers during online classes.

During the Monson School Committee meeting last Wednesday, Clarke said she would also be taking down her Facebook account, after following threads on community forums like Monson Speaks where she said she was “dismayed by all the negativity out there.”

“We all appreciate constructive feedback... but you should be ashamed, those of you who’ve left negative comments about our staff, administrators and teachers,” Clarke said. “These people are tirelessly working to try to make things as right as possible given the circumstances. We’re all worried... but we put our nose to the grindstone to create programs and structure for our kids.”

Clarke also sat in on several classes last week during the first few days of school, where she witnessed parents “yelling, interrupting and being disrespectful to our staff.”

“How dare you,” she continued. “We would never treat you like that... it’s tough to try to continue to boost our staff when this is happening.”

The Monson School Committee this month voted to go fully remote rather than a hybrid reopening and delay the first day of school, after a large COVID-19 outbreak occurred in town following several large gatherings in the two weeks leading up to Labor Day. Social distancing and face mask guidelines were not followed at the gatherings, leading to community spread, according to town officials and the local Board of Health.

At the Sept. 16 meeting, Clarke said there were 59 cases of COVID-19 in town, with 12 new cases reported in the last two weeks.

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COMMUNITY



Team Perry. Courtesy Photos

Local team named after lifelong Palmer residents prepare for Jimmy Fund walk

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PALMER – Currently, many local teams are preparing for the annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, sponsored by Hyundai, scheduled for Oct. 4.

This fund is comprised of community-based fundraising events and other programs that benefit the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, which provides patient care and research for children and adults that have been affected by cancer. In its 30-plus year history, this event has raised more than \$145 million for the institute.

Team Perry, which since being established has gathered members from Palmer, Maine, Minnesota and more, is one local group preparing for the walk while remaining determined to support Dana-Farber.

Co-captains Ann and Rick Royce said the team is named after their friends and former Palmer residents Bill and Linda Perry, who both lost their lives to a form of cancer. Bill died of melanoma in 2010 and Linda died of pancreatic cancer in 2014.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Team Perry’s fundraising efforts, which included two

trivia night fundraisers and an event at St. Josephs in Thorndike were canceled, which in the past have raised over \$20,000. Current residents of Cape Cod, the Royces would also run a local fundraiser that has raised over \$35,000.

“It’s a terrible year for everybody,” said Rick. “Unfortunately, cancer still hasn’t been affected, so we still need donations to keep the fight going for Dana-Farber.

Traditionally, Rick said Team Perry likes to walk together as a team and start the Hopkinton point to run a full 26.2 miles. This year, the event, which has now gone

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PALMER SCHOOLS

Administrators say reopening is ‘off to a great start’

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PALMER – During the recent Palmer School Committee meeting on Sept. 16, representatives from each school provided feedback on the opening of the school year, including anecdotes showing students were excited to be back in school.

During the superintendent’s report, Palmer superintendent Patricia Gardner said they had a “strong opening of schools.”

“We’ve said this for six months now; none us have a plan book for working in a pandemic,” said Gardner. “I can tell you that our teachers, parents, support staff, have been absolutely stellar. Our administrators have worked tirelessly with them to make sure that we had an excellent start.”

She said both younger and older students are delighted to be back in school, and families who didn’t send their student back are “really missing out on what they are being offered in person.”

“Every child that I asked from substantial programs to our AP students all said the same thing – that they’ve had amazing days, said Gardner. “One of the kids in Kids’ Corner said something like it was the most excellent day that she’d ever had, and that was from a second grader.”

Following Gardner, director of student services Colleen Cul-

ligan said the special educators “have worked very hard to identify the needs” of their special education students.

She also said they’ve experienced some challenges, including putting schedules together with related service providers, having special educators working in inclusion classrooms and dovetailing with the already existing plan for the day.

“I do want parents to know that those plans will all be ready to go out by Sept. 24, from all of the special education liaisons that are working with our students,” said Culligan. “That doesn’t mean that they’re not working with them right now. They’re working in the classrooms; they’re identifying the students. We’ve had two different cohorts as you know, an A and a B. We’ve also very carefully identified the high needs and our most vulnerable students.”

Michael Leander, principal of Old Mill Pond Elementary, said the school year has been off to a great start.

“We’ve had a few technical glitches, but the kids are here,” said Leander. “They’ve adapted to a lot of our new protocols. Some of the kids have told us that it was the best day they’ve ever had, as they’re going and leaving.”

He also said “breakfast and lunch has been a huge success in

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TOWN GOVERNMENT

Board approves permits for marijuana dispensaries

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PALMER – The Palmer Planning Board this week approved transferring two special marijuana permits from previous applicant Altitude Organic Corp. to New England Recreation and Health, which has plans to open two retail facilities in town, according to town documents.

New England Recreation and Health proposed plans for one retail marijuana establishment at 1235 Thorndike St., as well as a cultivation, manufacturing and retail facility at 8 Chamber Rd. in Palmer.

The two sites were previously approved for use by the planning board for Colorado-based Altitude Organic Corp., which proposed

offices at the Thorndike Street location and a medical dispensary on Chamber Road that “didn’t pan out,” according to town manager Ryan McNutt.

The next step for New England Recreation and Health will be finalizing host community agreements with the town, which will detail how much revenue the dispensaries will pay the town in exchange for operating business there (often up to 6% in many area towns). The company will also need licenses from the state Cannabis Control Commission before opening for business.

During the Sept. 21 public hearing, a few members of the public asked clarifying questions but no one spoke either in favor of or in opposition to the dispensaries, according to town planner Linda Leduc.

COMMUNITY

Ed Hood settles into new role as director of Norcross Wildlife Foundation

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WALES – Ed Hood, who was hired this summer as the new director of the 8,000-acre Norcross Wildlife Foundation sanctuary in Wales, has always loved thinking about the history of landscapes, from visiting civil war battlefields as a child to looking for dinosaur bones in the empty lot behind his home in elementary school.

He didn’t find any dinosaur bones in that lot, but his efforts were rewarded with a large ram skull he still has to this day, leading him to study archaeology in college and graduate school.

After a 21-year career interpreting the New England land-

scape for visitors at Old Sturbridge Village, Hood was hired as the first paid executive director of the Opacum Land Trust, which he said he’ll still work closely with in his new position at Norcross.

“It’s a big task,” Hood said of his role at Norcross, which began Sept. 1. “The foundation has an endowment of about \$38 million, which funds the operation of the sanctuary and its grant programs. It’s a special place, to have that many acres of land protected together. I want to ensure the management projects of the sanctuary remain strong, and that we are do-



ing everything we can to encourage protecting a diverse plant species and particularly endangered plant species. Most people don’t think of endangered plant species, but there are a lot.”

To that end, the sanctuary propagates rare plants in special gardens on sanctuary land and also focuses on overall forest health, which are issues Hood said he wants to ensure are managed in a cost-effective way.

“I’ve set my sights on better management practices for the sanctuary and improving and of-

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Interskate 91 expands program offerings to include supervision of kids' remote studies

WILBRAHAM — Interskate 91, with the mission of providing fun, safe experiences for children for 30 years with its summer recreation camp program, has added a new dimension to their game: a Monitored Remote Studies program.

Interskate 91 has shifted its recreation camp to a classroom, where kids can do their remote virtual learning in a fun, unique environment, according to a statement from the company.

"The state of Massachusetts has seen many changes lately, and back to school is also different this year," executives said. "Most school systems have decided to offer remote learning or a hybrid of remote and in-person learning. This difficult decision has left some families scrambling for a place to send their children. Families that rely on school as a childcare source are left with a hard decision: work or stay home."

Interskate 91 talked to families that come to summer camp and heard the need for some kind of supervision while doing schoolwork.

"Some parents are worried about where the kids will be when classes resume, and summer camps are closed," said Rob Gould, camp director for Interskate 91 Kids Camp. "We are doing all we can to fill the need in the community and keep ourselves in touch with our customers. We have been closed for six months with no public skating. This has been a very difficult financial struggle and we need this to stay in business."

The Monitored Remote Studies program will fall under Governor Baker's Executive Order 49 allowing a license exemption for supervision and care for school age children. This exemption will be authorized by the State's Department of Early Education and Care.



Courtesy Photos

Bill and Linda Perry, the couple, in which Team Perry was named after.

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virtual, allows all participants to walk whatever distance they want.

Palmer resident and Team Perry member Karen Oliveira said this year, she and other local residents will start off at Palmer High School and walk to Wilbraham and back to accumulate around 13 miles and "to keep the camaraderie and spirit."

"It's become an annual event for this group," said Oliveira. "I am a teacher, and three of my students in the past 10 years have been stricken with cancer. I make sure after the race that I bring in my shirt, race number and a medal that says I completed it. I share the experience with my students because unfortunately, cancer affects ev-

erybody."

As for the co-captains and their thoughts on the upcoming walk, Ann said they're looking forward to the walk and helping Dana-Farber. Rick said they're looking forward to giving their continuous support to the institute.

Team Perry has raised over \$150,000 in total since participating over the last decade. Anyone who is interested in joining the team, donating to them, or selecting a member of a team to donate to, is welcome to visit <http://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/goto/TeamPerry>. People who sign up to walk are required to raise a minimum of \$100 this year.

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the classroom," and that they recently practiced fire drills. He also said the building is "super clean."

PHS Principal Susan North said "it has been a wonderful start" to the school year, for both the hybrid and the non-hybrid plans.

"All the staff, the teachers, paraprofessionals and the counselors are working extremely hard to meet the needs of all the students," said North. "It is exciting to go into classrooms and to see the students sitting there, actually in front of us, but it also exciting to see the students that are home, because the teachers have the Chromebooks in front of them and the students are on them."

Hitchcock announces fall programs

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BRIMFIELD — Class is back in session at Hitchcock Free Academy (HFA) and regardless of the COVID-19 pandemic, the institution will continue to offer innovative, life changing programs to their patrons, according to HFA director Cindy Skowrya.

Skowrya said for the past month, HFA has worked on creatively coming up with different programs that they can safely provide to their patrons.

"There are many of our regular programs but some of the instructors aren't able to come back to the building," said Skowrya. "We spent a good month trying to research other opportunities and be a little more creative."

One of the interesting things Skowrya also said they're working on is upgrading their technology so that if someone has a class they can offer, but don't have the ability to do it from home, it could be something HFA could host for them.

One of the programs being offered is outdoor yoga, instructed by Sharon Palmer. "It's really a blast," said Palmer. "Everyone seems to enjoy it and has grown over the past couple of sessions."

Something Palmer said is different this time around is that all students, through this program, are given the chance to unwind in a "natural landscape."

She also said she's been allowing more pauses in between stretches, so that people can sense their surroundings by doing practices, such as allowing the "breeze on their skin."

Music lessons are also available at HFA. Violin and viola lessons are currently being offered from Linda Day Newland, who was a former violinist in the Austin Symphony Orchestra for over 22 years.

Newland, since beginning the lessons,



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Hitchcock Free Academy, located at 2 Brookfield Rd., Brimfield.

said her Zoom classes have been working out successfully and that a learning curve, specifically with younger students, was quickly resolved.

"They really like the Zoom lessons, because they don't have to get into their car to drive to class anymore," said Newland. "I'm very pleased that we can manage (the lessons). You never really retire from music, once you're a musician; it's part of your life, and I enjoy sharing that with other people."

Piano lessons with instructor Ann Macon are also available, which haven't been offered at HFA for a while.

"We're actually just always looking for new opportunities," said Skowrya. "(Macon) had reached out to us before the pandemic be-

gan. We got lucky, honestly."

As for how HFA will navigate their classes during the COVID-19 pandemic, Skowrya said they will be monitoring the weather. If they're made aware of an outbreak, they'll adjust the programs. "If we had to cancel (a program) we'd refund people," said Skowrya.

As for what she is looking forward to is the opportunity to move forward and can "create new programs that meet the current guidelines and having people feel comfortable to come back."

To learn more about the programs, donate and more, visit <https://www.hitchcock-academy.org/>.

Free COVID-19 testing extended again at HCC

HOLYOKE — Free COVID-19 testing at Holyoke Community College has been extended until Sept. 30.

HCC has been serving as a "Stop the Spread" drive-through testing site since Aug. 26 to help the state and the City of Holyoke reduce the spread of COVID-19. Testing was initially set to end on Sept. 12 and then extended

through Sept. 30. It has been now been extended through the end of October.

Tests are being conducted outside HCC's Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation and administered by Fallon Ambulance in partnership with the Holyoke Board of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Testing is available six days a week through Sept. 30 during the following hours:

Monday 7-11 a.m.
Tuesday 2-7 p.m.
Wednesday 7-11 a.m.
Thursday 2-7 p.m.
Friday 7-11 a.m.
Saturday 7-11 a.m.

Testing are conducted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

There are no appointments, and there is no cost for the tests and no referral is required.

Please enter campus from Homestead Avenue and follow the signs to M Lot (adjacent the Bartley Center), where in-car tests are being administered.

Turnaround time for test results is typically four days or fewer.

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100% effective. If we have kids running around fields, running through each other's slip streams as we've talked about in previous meetings, how is this going to affect case trends?"

She also said that by fall two, beginning in Feb. 22, 2021 more data, regarding how to approach in Sports in COVID-19 would be available at that time. Following both presentations, the committee was given an opportunity to comment before deciding on the proposals.

Committee member Sandra Noonan said she believes there's not a right decision on this matter, but will trust the coaches to implement the modifications set by the MIAA (Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association) to keep the students as safe as possible.

"I will also continue to trust our athletic director and trainer," said Noonan. "We have always worked diligently to ensure our students a great sports experience at PHS and we'll hope and pray that the decision made tonight is ultimately the right one for our school community."

Committee vice-chair Gary A. Blanchette said although he loves sports, the safety and well-being of everyone is his number one priority.

"My concern as a school committee member is not to stop the kids from playing," said Blanchette. "It's to send them to fall two. They're not going to miss out on competition, but it's to keep everybody safe."

He also referenced Pope Francis Preparatory School in Springfield, which he said recent-

ly had to revert to a hybrid model due to a student playing club hockey with a 100-plus fever and infecting two more children.

"I understand this is hard on teenagers," said "we're not telling (parents) your kids can't play soccer," said Blanchette. "We're asking to postpone it to fall two, to see what happens, then we can revisit it again."

Following comments, the decision for proposal two, which approved the teams of Cross Country, Golf and Soccer for level three play for the 2020 Fall Athletics, beginning on Sept. 18, was approved.

The school committee also approved level one play and level two play for football, field hockey and unified basketball (outdoor court) and cheer, beginning on Feb. 22.

According to the Massachusetts Executive Officer of Energy and Environmental Affairs, level one play allows Individual or group activities, involving no-contact. Level two play allows competitive practices and level three play allows for competitions, such as meets, matches and intramural games.

Followed by a motion from committee member Joseph Nompleggi, seconded by committee member Charles Baker, the committee voted 4-1 in favor of proposal two, with Blanchette voting against.

Committee chair Bonnie Rathbone said she believes the coaches will have a daily checklist, protocols and rules of a "playing bubble" will all be followed and implemented.

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HCC fall session II classes start Sept. 28

HOLYOKE – For those who missed the traditional, early September starting date for fall classes, or may have needed more time to decide, Holyoke Community College has a second session of full-credit classes beginning Sept. 28.

HCC introduced two “Flexible Fall” start dates this year to accommodate people as they adjust to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic: Sept. 28 and Oct. 28.

Sept. 28 start classes run for 12 weeks. Oct. 28 start classes run for seven. All fall courses will conclude by Dec. 16, 2020.

The accelerated “Flexible Fall” courses are being offered in accounting, anthropology, biology, business administration, career readiness, communication, education, economics, English, health, math, psychology, sociology, and sustainability.

All HCC classes this fall are being offered in one of three formats: online, blended remote, and blended face-to-face.

Online courses follow a traditional, asynchronous online model with coursework deadlines established by instructors.

Blended remote courses have both asynchronous online components combined with real-time class meetings via video conference platforms such as Zoom.

Blended face-to-face combines blended remote with some in-person instruction on campus.

For more information or to enroll, please visit: hcc.edu/fall, call 413-552-2321 or send an email to admissions@hcc.edu

Lions Club donates face shields to police, fire depts.



MONSON – Massachusetts Lions Club District 33A cabinet secretary and treasurer Curt Jameson met with Fire Chief Brian Harris and Police Chief Stephen Kozloski to present 25 face shields to the Monson Police and Fire Departments.

“With the generosity of a grant from the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF), Massachusetts Lions District 33A Leadership have partnered with the Harvard Lions Club and many of our other local District 33A Lions Clubs in an ambitious service initiative to manufacture and distribute 1,500 highest-quality, NIH-approved face shields for community first responders and frontline workers,” club members said in a statement. “Our Lions motto is ‘we serve,’ so it is an honor to assist those who serve at-risk populations in the towns comprising and surrounding

our district.”

Club members encourage anyone who wants to make new friends while having fun and serving the local community to check out the local Lions Club for their fundraising and service events.

“Our club members are all volunteers and our clubs are part of Lions Clubs International (LCIF) which is a non-profit organization,” according to the Monson Lions Club. “Integrity is one of our core values. That’s why fiscal responsibility drives every decision. Every donation made to LCIF is applied toward our global programs and initiatives which are all aimed at increasing the ability of Lions to serve the world.” For more information about Lions Club International visit lionsclubs.org.

Emily Lifson of Holland joins cohort of new Lasell University students

NEWTON – Emily Lifson became a new student at Lasell University this fall. Lifson, a resident of Holland, will study Hospitality Management.

More than 370 new students joined the Lasell community in September for

the fall semester. New and returning students were given a choice to study in residential, commuter, or fully online settings to accommodate their preferences during the pandemic.

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fering education,” Hood said.

While he won’t be working directly for Opacum, he’ll still work closely with their board of directors, since Norcross can’t operate as an island. “Organizations like Opacum and other land trusts that conserve land near or abutting the sanctuary help protect the sanctuary itself,” he said.

He’ll also be working with landowners who don’t want to see their land developed in order to preserve more open space, he said.

“Although I’m leaving Opacum, I’m very much committed to sustaining its health, and my work at Norcross will support that, as will I,” Hood said in an interview this summer, after his departure from Opacum was announced. “That’s an important part in my remaining in the area. Opacum has an important role in

the town; they’ve conserved a lot of acres, thousands, and they do it very cost effectively with volunteer board of directors and two staff. I’m just looking forward to maintaining my connections in the region.”

When he’s not working, Hood said he enjoys being at home with his family and community in Hardwick and taking care of his family’s antique house with a large garden and orchard, chickens and pets. He also spends time running or riding his bicycle on nearby back roads and rail trails, as well as hiking and kayaking, which he said “provide all the entertainment I need and keep me connected to this region I am very lucky to call home.”



MAC online exhibit ‘CONNECT’ invites artists to juried show

Offers \$400 in cash awards and social media presence

MONSON – Monson Arts Council (MAC) is sponsoring a Virtual Art Exhibit and Sales Gallery, titled “CONNECT,” which will be highlighted during the month of October.

This theme reflects the MAC viewpoint that “art is the language that connects and inspires us all,” according to organizers.

Entries are welcome in all art forms: painting, sculpture and other three-dimensional work, photography, drawing, and graphic arts. An entry includes up to two pieces for a \$15 entry fee. Anyone wishing to enter three or four pieces, may enter twice. All entries are welcome through Sept. 30, and will be exhibited on Instagram.

Prize winners will be announced in early October, following evaluation by judge Debra Dunphy of Dunphy Art Stu-

dio in Holyoke. First prize will be \$250, second prize is \$100, and third prize is \$50. Honorable Mention ribbons will also be awarded. All entries will be exhibited in the MAC Sales Gallery online for the month of October. Artists are welcome to offer their work for sale.

Entrants may come from anywhere in the world since the exhibition and sales gallery will be on the Monson Arts Council’s web site.

“We want to give artists more opportunities to sell their work during the holiday season. It is hard for artists in this time of COVID-19 restrictions,” said David Dupuis, co-coordinator of the MAC art show committee.

The fall arts event is sponsored by Magic Lantern of Monson (first prize), Eye Physicians of Northampton (second prize) and Service Connection of Monson (third prize). Ribbons will recognize all Honorable Mentions.

Entry forms and guidelines may be found at www.monsonartscouncil.org.

Springfield Tech. to hold annual homecoming in Nov.

SPRINGFIELD – Over 70 years ago, Springfield’s Technical High School Class of 1947 started holding annual class reunions and have continued that tradition every year since. The first class reunion was held at Hotel Kimball and about 100 classmates attended.

Five years ago, the committee, which was headed up by West Springfield resident Tony DiGiore (Class of ‘47), decided that in order to keep the Tech spirit alive and well, they needed to invite other Tech classes to participate in this gala event.

As event chairman, DiGiore, who is 90 years old but still has the enthusiasm and energy of a 16-year-old, came up with the clever acronym to position the challenge and get the message out to all Tech classes by renaming the annual reunion --- TECH EVERY CLASS HOMECOMING.

DiGiore said that last year, 23 different classes representing Classes from 1947

to 1984 attended the annual event.

The committee is planning to hold this year’s reunion on Sunday, Nov. 15, open to any graduate of Springfield Technical High School.

The reunion will be held subject to Massachusetts Governor Baker’s approval and safety guidelines on COVID-19 issues. Social distancing and masks will be mandatory.

The reunion will be held at Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets for the buffet dinner are \$38 each. Reservation deadline is Oct. 16, but seating is limited to first come first served. If the event must be cancelled, all prepayments will be refunded. For more information or reservations, call Tony-The-Tiger DiGiore at 413-739-9065 or email digiore1@comcast.net

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Enjoy the air in fall

The brisk air and cool breeze sweeping across our faces when we walk out onto the front step or porch to survey a new morning means something — Fall is here.

While the official first day of Fall was this past Tuesday, the weather of my favorite season has been here for a couple weeks. The cool air mixed with sun creates the perfect weather balance. Running through the woods, long drives around the countryside, watching the leaves turn, little creatures scurrying about gathering the necessary provisions for winter, all wonderful staples of this beautiful season.

However, fall 2020 is different from year's past. Every weekend normally occupied by another town fair or Harvest Festival, the air filled with laughing children, adults mingling and enjoying time in the community, are all silenced by COVID-19. Fall's festive fright night, Halloween, has an uncertain future as towns debate if it's possible to celebrate candy collection eve safely. Following that, who knows what our Thanksgiving tables will look like this year. Will there be a time to gather with family friends?

Despite that, there's plenty to enjoy. The Hilltown Hikers welcomed the public back to their hikes for the first time since March. Fall is a beautiful time to hit the trails. There are many scenic views to be had of the Valley as the green landscape becomes a spattering of red, orange, and yellow before going bare for the winter. Fall's the final chance to take in the last rays of warm sun on the banks of a pond or lake.

There are apples to be picked, cider to sip, leaves to rake into piles — and then jump in to scatter them again; pies to bake, stories to share, and taking advantage of the natural playground fall in the hills is.

If you find any lovely places, or interesting animals roaming through the woods, or an exciting activity happening in your community, please contact the Journal Register with your story or photos by either calling 413-283-8393 or elinscott@turley.com.

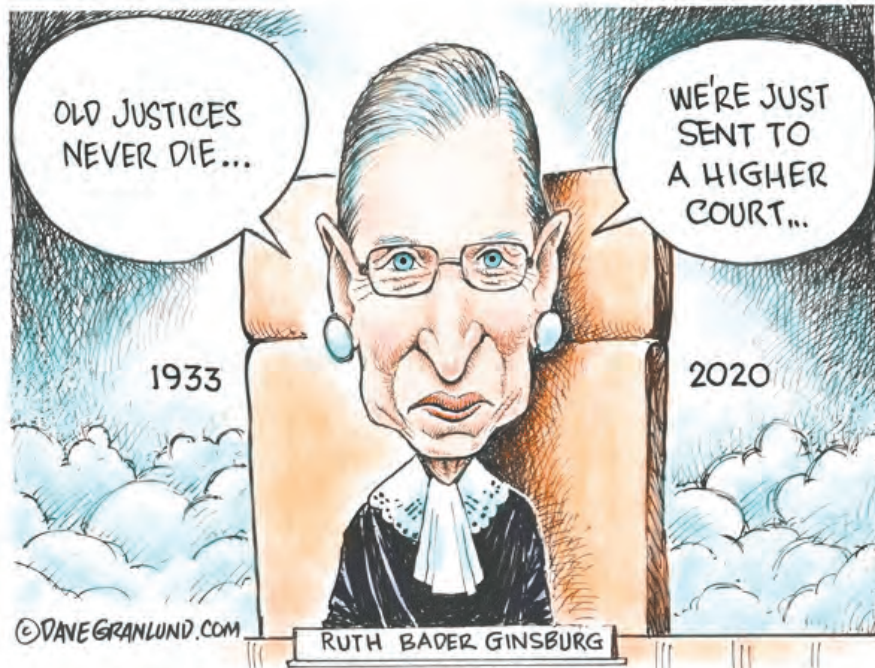
As we move steadily toward winter, it's uncertain when it will be safe to hold indoor events again. Take advantage of these final months of nice weather to get outside, stretch your legs, meet friends and community members in areas in which it is easy to social distance; once the snow hits it may be awhile before the chance will come back around.

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Celebrating the birthday of a local legend, Johnny Appleseed

I have numerous old files from my days at Old Sturbridge Village. Occasionally I'll take a peek at some of the things I've saved. This time I was looking for a few tidbits on heirloom apple varieties, perhaps something that would work its way into a good column. It is the peak of apple season, you know. Instead I found a love story, and while this character isn't known for romance, per se, it sure makes for a good starting paragraph.

We all have heard of Johnny Appleseed. I'm not sure if we learned about him in school or if he is one of those legends that mysteriously becomes etched in our brains. In my mind's eye he is a ragamuffin of sorts, skipping to and fro across the country scattering apple seeds. I imagine how, in no time at all, the apple trees grew to be in full bloom along the cart paths, welcoming settlers as they made their way west. End of story. But who was Johnny Appleseed, and what sent him on a life-long mission to blanket the Midwest in apple blossoms?

The man we call Johnny Appleseed was born here in Massachusetts in the town of Leominster on Sept. 26, 1774. He is the only person awarded "folk hero" status here in our state. His given name was John Chapman. It is likely that John and his older sister, Elizabeth, grew up in the care of relatives after his mother's death from tuberculosis in 1776. His father was a Minuteman who fought at Concord and later a Revolutionary soldier in the Continental Army. Some accounts have John heading West as early as the age of 18, other stories claim him to be about 26 years old.

Johnny was a practical nurseryman, more skilled and calculated than my interpretation of him. He was also a good businessman and had a strong Christian faith. Together, these attributes wove John Chapman into a folk hero we know and love. With apple seeds from the cider mills in Pennsylvania in hand, Johnny cleared the woods to set up apple tree nurseries throughout the Midwest. A smart move, considering the law made new settlers plant 50 apple trees on their property during the first year of homesteading. He

took payment for the trees he sold in whatever form was available (or not), whether it be in currency, old clothes or even food.

Johnny lived in harmony with nature without ever having a permanent place to call home. In his travels he befriended Native Americans, white settlers and animals, all the while preaching and living his religion peacefully. Reportedly, he knew many Native American languages well enough to converse, and had compassion for both his own and Native American cultures. Some stories make him out to be an herbal healer, as well as a greeter of new settlers with a variety of medicinal plants in hand. Fennel even became known as 'Johnny weed.' It becomes more apparent with each additional piece if research I find that Johnny's lifework was to be of service to others; at the same time he planted apple trees. Johnny Appleseed died at age 70 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. A monument marks his gravesite.

So what about the love story? From all accounts Johnny Appleseed traveled alone. A yellowed newspaper article stashed away in my file may give hope that Johnny's journey didn't start out that way. The story goes that John Chapman was to be married to Sarah Crawford. Instead, the day set aside for their wedding became the day of her funeral. She was buried in her wedding gown. A bouquet of apple blossoms was to have been her bouquet. Johnny, overcome with grief, decided to go forth and make a monument for his beloved; he would blanket the land in her favorite flower. Fact or fiction, I can't be sure. Perhaps it is another writer's attempt to put a fairy tale beginning on a legendary life. The romantic in me hopes it to be true!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

Letters to the Editor

Scholarship created in honor of Nancy Curtis

On Saturday, Sept. 5, 2020, we lost a very kind and knowledgeable Special Education Administrator, that being Nancy Curtis. Nancy spent her time and energy helping students in the Ware, Palmer and Belchertown School Districts. To honor Nancy, a committee has been established for a scholarship to a graduating student in 2021. Anyone wishing to donate, should please send it to Sandra Piechota, 269 Palmer Road, Ware, 01082, Andrea Greeley, P.O. Box 1063, Belchertown, MA, 01007 or Elaine Dill at 191 E. Hill Road, Monson, MA, 01057.

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Can I help my friend with his Social Security?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I am trying to help a good friend of mine who lives in Indiana and is 80-years-old. I am very concerned as he's not now collecting Social Security for some reason, and I have no idea why. Is there any reason that you know of that would keep him from getting his benefits? Is there maybe something he might have done to keep him from getting his money? He worked his whole life, is a retired electrician and was a long-time member of the Electricians' Union. I'm not sure if he knows how to apply for his benefits, but he's having a hard time making ends meet and could definitely use the extra money. He told me that an organization has offered to help him, but it will cost \$7,500 and there is no guarantee they can get it for him. He can't afford to pay that kind of money only to be told there is nothing they can do for him. I'm hoping you can give me some insight. Signed: Faithful Friend

Dear Faithful Friend: If your friend has, as you say, worked and contributed to Social Security via FICA payroll taxes all his life, then he should be eligible to collect Social Security benefits. It only takes 40 quarters of credit (about 10 years of earnings) to be eligible for SS, so he should certainly be eligible if he paid SS FICA taxes for enough years.

Are there reasons why he might not be collecting? Sure, but they're not common, and here are a few:

- Indiana is one of 26 states where some state employees don't participate in the federal Social Security program. If your friend was a state employee for his whole life he may not have contributed to Social Security, so he may not have the requisite 40 credits needed to collect Social Security.
- Social Security benefits are generally exempt from garnishing, except for certain types of situations. Any U.S. government agency (such as the IRS if he owes back taxes) can garnish his benefits if he owes them money. His benefits can also be garnished for unpaid alimony or child support. But usually such garnishment means only reducing his Social Security benefit, not completely eliminating it.
- If he were collecting Social Security at one time, but Social Security later found that he had been overpaid for any reason, they could withhold his benefits until they recovered the overpayment. Sometimes, the actions of someone else (e.g., a former spouse) can cause him to be liable for an overpayment, but Social Security would have sent him a letter informing him of the overpayment and giving him an opportunity to appeal it. In any case, Social Security would only withhold benefits until the overpayment was fully recovered.

• Social Security benefits are not automatically awarded. If your friend simply neglected to apply for benefits when he was eligible, Social Security wouldn't sign him up automatically, regardless of his age. He will simply not get benefits unless he applies for them.

Your friend shouldn't pay anyone to find out if he's eligible for Social Security benefits. The answer is simply a phone call away by contacting the Social Security Administration, either at the national number, 1.800.772.1213, or by contacting his local Social Security office (the local contact information is at www.ssa.gov/locator). Generally, this type of transaction can be accomplished over the phone. He should call Social Security and tell them he wishes to apply for "Social Security Retirement Benefits." Once they have his Social Security number they can tell immediately if he is eligible for benefits and, if he is, he should ask for six months retroactive benefits (SS will pay up to 6 months retroactively).

If your friend cannot, for any reason, contact Social Security himself to discuss his situation, he can appoint someone, such as you, to represent him in these matters. Here is a link to Social Security's rules on having someone represent him: www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10075.pdf. You are, indeed, a good and faithful friend.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

Election letters to the editor welcome

The Journal Register welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to dfarmer@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call editor Elise Linscott at 413-283-8393.

Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

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The benefits of local newspapers

Local newspapers play vital roles in communities across the globe. The Information Age has changed the way many people get their news, but local newspapers continue to serve as valuable resources for readers interested in learning more about and becoming more involved in their communities.

While local publishers continue to adapt to the changes brought about by technology, the following are a handful of benefits unique to local newspapers.

• **Local newspapers keep readers up-to-date on their own communities.** Globalization may be here to stay, but that does not mean local communities are no longer home to newsworthy events. National and international newspapers and 24-hour cable news channels can keep men and women up-to-date on national and world news, but in many instances, local newspapers are the only means people have to learn about what's going on in their own communities. Local politics impact residents' lives every day, and local newspapers cover local politics extensively.

• **Local newspapers benefit nearby businesses.** Small business owners often connect with community members via local newspapers. A strong, locally based small business community can improve economies in myriad ways, creating jobs in the community and contributing tax dollars that can be used to strengthen local schools and infrastructure. And local newspapers do their part by providing affordable and effective advertising space to local business owners looking to connect with their communities.

• **Local newspapers can strengthen communities.** Local newspapers are great resources for residents who want to become more active in their communities and learn more about community events. Local newspapers often showcase community events like carnivals, local theater productions and projects like park cleanups. These are great ways for readers to become more active in their communities and build stronger communities as a result.

• **Local newspapers can benefit children.** National newspapers may have



little age-appropriate content to offer young children, but local newspapers tend to include more soft news items than national periodicals, and such stories typically are appropriate for young readers. According to Newspapers in Education, students who participated in an NIE group in Florida performed significantly better in spelling and vocabulary

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In the classroom

HCC fall session II classes start Sept. 28

HOLYOKE – For those who missed the traditional, early September starting date for fall classes, or may have needed more time to decide, Holyoke Community College has a second session of full-credit classes beginning Sept. 28.

HCC introduced two “Flexible Fall” start dates this year to accommodate people as they adjust to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic: Sept. 28 and Oct. 28.

Sept. 28 start classes run for 12 weeks. Oct. 28 start classes run for seven. All fall courses will conclude by Dec. 16, 2020.

The accelerated “Flexible Fall” courses are being offered in accounting, anthropology, biology, business administration, career readiness, communication, education, economics, English, health, math, psychology, sociology, and sustainability.

All HCC classes this fall are being offered in one of three formats: online, blended remote, and blended face-to-face.

Online courses follow a traditional, asynchronous online model with coursework deadlines established by instructors.

Blended remote courses have both asynchronous online components combined with real-time class meetings via video conference platforms such as Zoom.

Blended face-to-face combines blended remote with some in-person instruction on campus.

For more information or to enroll, please visit: hcc.edu/fall, call 413-552-2321 or send an email to admissions@hcc.edu

WNEU to host Open House Sept. 27

SPRINGFIELD – Western New England University will host high school students and their parents in a virtual open house on Sunday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The event is free, but advanced reservation is required by visiting the Undergraduate Open House website at <https://www1.wne.edu/become-a-student/visit/plan-your-visit.cfm> or calling the Admissions Office at 413-782-1312.

Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Retention and Dean of First Year Students Kerri Jarzabski will lead guests on a live virtual tour of the campus, introduce them to the University’s new President, Dr. Robert Johnson, and show them what life is like as a Golden Bear. Along the way, prospective students and their families will learn about academic opportunities within the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, and Engineering; our new 4U Advising

Program and options for Academic Support; living on campus and commuting; student activities; athletics, and more.

“I am so excited to have a chance to meet our prospective students at this event,” said Jarzabski. “Even though we are not able to have large numbers of students on campus, I am confident that those that attend will get a true sense of the Golden Bear spirit that exists on our campus.”

To wrap up the event, Dean Jarzabski will host a live panel with student leaders, where guests will be able to ask questions directly to students. After the formal event, prospective families will be able to join academic break-out sessions, watch a video overview, and join a Zoom session for each college.

For a complete list of 2020-2021 Virtual Open House dates and times visit <https://www1.wne.edu/become-a-student/visit/plan-your-visit.cfm>.

STCC to hold fall virtual Open House in October

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Technical Community College will hold its annual fall Open House on two dates: Oct. 14, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and Oct. 15, 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., in a virtual format.

High school students, adult learners and their family members can log in to Zoom and meet virtually with representatives from the college’s degree and certificate programs and departments. For information about registering to attend the virtual event, visit stcc.edu/apply/open-house.

Open to the public, STCC’s Open House is an ideal opportunity for anyone thinking about becoming a student to learn more about what the college has to offer, such as:

- Associate Degree and Certificate Programs
- Transfer Opportunities
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- High school equivalency exam (HiSET)
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- Representatives from programs and departments will hold breakout sessions to speak with anyone who joins.

Dean of Admissions Louisa Davis-Freeman said the Open House at STCC is an

excellent opportunity to find out about programs and speak with instructors and professors. The Open House at STCC in past semesters has been held on campus but will be offered virtually this year to keep everyone safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. Responding to safety concerns, STCC offers online classes with a mix of low-density on-campus labs for health, science and technical programs.

“I encourage all prospective students whether you’re in high school or a returning adult to log in to Zoom and learn more about STCC,” Davis-Freeman said. “We’re affordable and accessible and our career programs will prepare you to join the workforce upon graduation. We also have many transfer programs and our graduates continue their educational journeys at colleges and universities throughout the United States.”

For more information, contact the STCC Admissions Office at 413-755-3333 or email admissions@stcc.edu. To apply to STCC, visit stcc.edu/apply. STCC is accepting applications for Fall Flex Term 2, which starts Oct. 28, and for the spring term which begins in January.

Caring Health Center names Williams CDO; Goodhind Chief of Staff/Executive Assistant to President and CEO

SPRINGFIELD – Caring Health Center, a Federally Qualified Community Health Center, has named Yvonne L. Williams its first Chief Development Officer.

Williams was previously a six-year member of Caring Health Center’s Board of Directors, and brings to her new position a strong understanding of the organization. She also has deep roots within the community and will be instrumental in expanding relationships and increasing awareness of CHC’s integral role in providing comprehensive health care to Greater Springfield’s diverse communities.

Williams most recently was director of resource development for United Way of Pioneer Valley, where she developed brand awareness and built community relationships for one of the largest nonprofit organizations in Western Massachusetts. She is a published author, lecturer, and development coach, devoted to community and public service, and serves on several local nonprofit boards.

“I am so pleased to join Caring Health Center’s team, which is committed to this community and all its people, and be part of the premier health care center in Western Massachusetts,” Williams said. “I look forward to developing new partnerships for the benefit of Caring Health Center.”

In another top-level move, Heather Goodhind was named Caring Health Center’s first Chief of Staff and Executive Administrative Assistant to President and CEO Tania M. Barber.

Goodhind graduated from Springfield College with a Bachelor of Science degree in health science, followed

by a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in community health education. She previously managed the Navigator Program at CHC and most recently obtained compliance experience at a local hospital. She has a passion for helping those in need and ensuring the delivery of quality care.

Since 1995, Caring Health Center has served as an essential source of health care for residents of Greater Springfield. The organization operates a pharmacy and the Springfield South WIC Nutrition Program, and serves as the largest Refugee Health Assessment provider in Massachusetts.

CHC’s team of community health workers, health navigators, and interpreters ensure that patients receive comprehensive care that addresses their cultural, economic, and language needs, while its behavioral health specialists deliver services to address a wide range of emotional and other issues.

Girls on the Run Western MA launches season with options

Registration now open to help Western MA area girls stay active and healthy during pandemic

Girls on the Run Western MA is launching its 6th fall season, which begins this week.

GOTR is a leader in delivering evidence-based, life skills curriculum to girls of all abilities. Through more than 75 sites across the Western MA region has served more than 5400 youth since it was founded in 2015. For the 2020-2021 school year, GOTR Western MA is offering a variety of programs to accommodate the changing and unpredictable school year due to the pandemic. Registration for the season is open at www.girlsontherun-westernma.org.

“Our staff and coaches are ready to bring critical social-emotional programming Western MA girls at a time when they need it the most,” said Alison Berman, Council Director. “We have adapted based on the recommendations of local health officials and decisions of local governments and school districts. The 3

options that we are offering, in-person, hybrid and virtual make it possible for girls to stay active despite the pandemic. Our fluid model will work completely in-person, completely virtual or can seamlessly transition between the two as needed.”

GOTR is offering in-person teams, hybrid teams (in-person and virtual), and teams that are 100% virtual. GOTR programming is being delivered as in the past, with enhanced safety measures including physical distancing modifications and smaller teams. Should sites close, the in-person programs will be easily transitioned to a virtual model, with lessons that mirror the in-person program. This fluid programming model ensures that participants will experience the social, emotional, and physical outcomes of the program while allowing local teams to adjust to changes in the school and community health guidelines throughout the season. All virtual teams are also available for families that would prefer that option. Virtual fall programming is delivered by trained coaches in a safe virtual space, with lessons that mirror the in-person Girls on the Run or Heart & Sole program. Virtual programming will include physical activity and social-emotional learning, pro-

viding girls with an opportunity to still build meaningful connections with their peers and caring adult role models.

This season GOTR WMA has partnered with many local recreation departments and the Hampshire Regional YMCA to provide in-person and hybrid programming. The Amherst LSSE, Northampton, South Hadley, Hadley, East Longmeadow and Wilbraham Recreation Departments are all new partners this season making it possible for Girls on the Run to be offered this fall.

Girls on the Run is looking for a few more volunteers for their fall season. Volunteer coaches will receive the training and materials required to provide girls a safe, trauma-sensitive space to learn valuable life lessons and be active. Coaches do not need to be runners.

Berman says, “Together, we will find a way to motivate girls to nurture their physical and emotional health, no matter the circumstances.”

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WILBRAHAM – On Tuesday, Oct. 13 and Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 6:30 p.m., Wilbraham Public Library will offer a virtual workshop, “Signing Rocks! ASL Night at the Library.”

Join “Signing Basics,” a wonderful ASL teaching organization and great community resource, for an anything goes “Free Fall” workshop. Participants will learn a variety of signs and then participate in engaging activities and games to help reinforce what’s been taught. Each workshop offers a unique opportunity to learn new signs and to practice in a fun and relaxing atmosphere. Each workshop is different, sign up for one or both. To register for this online event, please call the library at 413-596-6141 or go to the website at [HYPERLINK “http://www.wilbrahamlibrary.org/”](http://www.wilbrahamlibrary.org/) www.wilbrahamlibrary.org. Registration is necessary to attend; participants will receive a link to the virtual program within 48 hours of the scheduled event. Hope to see you online.



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Pirates invade Holland before Halloween



Photos by Michael Harrison
Beware, Witchy Way and Old Cemetery Road await those who come by this yard, complete with a guard pumpkin.



A skeleton holds up the pirate flag as he watches others creatures of the night cling to a Holland home's windows. Maybe by Halloween they'll find a way in.

HOLLAND – Halloween is on its way already, at least in Holland at the home of Jeremiah Brewer and Kara Wassmer, who live at the corner of Stubridge and Brimfield roads. One skeleton is 12 feet tall, and there will soon be an inflatable grim reaper awaiting visitors. Pirates are the basic theme, including one trapped in a coffin and trying to get out. Pass by if you dare.



Ahoy mateys! These pirate skeletons await Halloween at the home of Jeremiah Brewer and Kara Wassmer at the corner of Sturbridge and Brimfield roads in Holland.



A skeleton remains trapped in a coffin or it would join fellow skeletons. Or could that be what Davy Jones' locker really looks like?



A closer look at one of the skeletons in a Holland yard as it awaits Halloween.

The CDC estimates that, on average, alcohol is a factor in the deaths of 4,358 young people under 21 each year. You can do a lot to help yourself and others by encouraging your peers to make healthy choices and by NEVER supplying alcohol or drugs for others.

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FALL SPORTS

Away fans not allowed at high school games

Limited attendance will be allowed at most high schools

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – High school athletes returned to the field for tryouts last Friday. The tryouts will continue into this week with games set to begin at the end of next week.

Nearly all of the schools in Western Massachusetts, specifically in and around the Pioneer Valley will be full participants in the Fall 1 season, which will feature all of the fall sports with the exception of football, cheerleading, and unified basketball.

There are some schools that have opted to defer moderate risk sports like girls volleyball and soccer to the Fall 2 season in late February.

While student-athletes will have the opportunity to being playing games after a six-month layoff from most activity, fans will only be allowed to have limited participation.

David Stratton, a member of the board of directors for the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference, said the PVIAC has issued guidance and agreed that all schools in the membership will only allow for home fans at games to begin with.

Stratton said it will be up to the individual schools to govern how the crowds will be controlled, but all schools are only allowed to host fans for their own team.

Those crowds will be limited to just 50 people, per the current outdoor guidelines set by Gov. Charlie Baker.

In many cases, players on individual teams will be given a limited number of passes, likely

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SOCCER

Mutiny's Howarth signs with Pride

LUDLOW, MA - UWS Player of the Year, Kate Howarth, has signed a professional contract with the Orlando Pride of the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL). With the recent departure of US National Team star Alex Morgan to Tottenham Hotspur and Taylor Kornieck on loan to German club MSV Duisburg, Howarth is among a forwards group that includes Brazilian legend Marta and former USWNT member Sydney Leroux.

Howarth, who played collegiately for the University of Miami (2009-2012) is the all-time leading scorer for the New England Mutiny of United Women's Soccer (UWS). This will be the second go-around in NWSL for Howarth after having been discovered off the New England Mutiny roster in 2012 by the Boston Breakers. Howarth returned to the Mutiny in 2014 where she would be a fixture at the forward position for the next six years for the western Mass-based club. She tallied a club record 69 goals for the Mutiny. Along with her 17 career assists, Howarth also tops the list at 155 points scored for the New England franchise that was established in 1999.



Kate Howarth has been signed by the Orlando Pride of the NWSL. She was a standout striker for the New England Mutiny.

"I can confidently say that I would not be where I am today if I had not been asked to play for the New England Mutiny. I would not have been given a chance with the Boston Breakers and would not have been able to develop as a player to get to this point. Joe (Ferrara, Mutiny team owner) has

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SOCCER

Help feature your student-athletes

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The fall season is starting and Turley Publications is looking forward to getting back out on the field to bring you the high school action for all your favorite teams.

We know this fall season is important to many senior athletes, who watched Class of 2020 lose their entire spring season.

We're asking for help on this upcoming season in order to bring the best coverage we can possibly manage and fill our pages with names and color.

We know that fans will be limited to the home crowds, but that is where you all come in.

We have a limited number of staff to start the school year due to the pandemic, and while we strive to get to as many games as possible, we cannot get

to everywhere.

If you are a parent, coach, or even player, and you have information or photographs to share, we definitely want to hear from you.

If you don't see one of our photographers at a game, please feel free to send your own action photos of games in order to bolster our coverage. If you are interested in regularly submitted photos, please do contact us. Otherwise, we would love to hear

from anyone who reports scores, details, and any milestones that occur during this unprecedented season. Please be sure the information you provide us is accurate and check with coaches, if necessary, before submitting.

We also encourage all coaches to submit their results and details as much as possible. Send any and all information and photos for inclusion to sports@turley.com.

Regional sports return



Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Youth soccer in the Roots Athletic League got underway with action starting Saturday, Sept. 19. Teams from Granby, Southwick, Agawam, Belchertown, South Hadley, and Wilbraham were all in action through the Pioneer Valley. With all sports restarting with limited action, Turley Publications welcomes any and all information about whatever sports your youth are participating in. Please submit photos and games results or other information to sports@turley.com.

SOCCER

Robie clinches modified title, other crowns up for grabs

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Trevor Bleau (Troy, NH) won the race Saturday night at Monadnock Speedway that had eluded him all season. But, while Bleau won the battle, Brian Robie won the war.

With Robie's strong third-place outing in Saturday's NHSTRA Modified main event, the Sunapee star clinched the 2020 track title. The speedway's other four divisional crowns, however, will all wait to be decided on the final day of the season.

Bleau, the runner-up a week earlier, was one of three first-of-the-season feature winners Saturday. On the fourteenth event of the summer, Emerson Cayer (Contoocook, NH) and C.J. Johnson (Keene, NH) also earned their first victory laps of the year.

While Cayer made easy work of scoring Saturday's 50-lap NHSTRA Battle for The Belt Mini Stock feature, Gordon Farnum – a six-time 2020 feature winner – cruised quietly to a fifth-place finish and, with it, the championship of the multi-track Belt series.

Cameron Houle and Bleau raced under a blanket for the first

ten laps of the Modified go-round, with Bleau then using the low groove to take command and never look back. Ben Byrne, needing desperately to make up big ground on Robie, got up for second on lap 25 but had nothing more for Bleau.

Robie, charging from row five, swiped third from Houle on the final corner of the 40-lapper; more than enough to clinch the 2020 Modified crown. He is currently fourth nationally in NASCAR Division 1 points.

Eleven-time LMS winner Aaron Fellows left Saturday's feature on the hook before a lap had been completed, the victim of someone else's blunder. That gave Robert Hagar (Windsor, VT) a chance to close the championship points battle entering the season finale, and Hagar took full advantage of the opening.

Hagar stormed past Justin Littlewood on lap two and roared off to his second win of the summer. Teen star Camdyn Curtis equaled his season's best in the runner-up slot, and Littlewood came home third.

In the Mini Stock 50-lapper, Cayer took the lead from Nathan



Belchertown's Chris Buffone captured the street stock event. Submitted photo

Wenzel on lap 12 and quickly social-distanced himself from the pack to score his first Monadnock win of the summer. Louie Maher, the 2019 track titlist, was second, but had nothing for Cayer. Wenzel, strong in third, went home 20 points behind Farnum.

Jeff Asselin, seventh on the night, stayed out of trouble to leapfrog Jake Puchalski for top 2020 Mini Stock rookie honors, taking a

two-point advantage in that competition into next Saturday's season finale. Gordon Farnum (Fitzwilliam, NH) won the 2020 Mini Stock Battle for the Belt Championship.

The hard-charging Curtis twins, Jaret and Chase, came into Saturday's Street Stock feature tied atop the points parade. Number three man Chris Buffone (Belcher-

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SOCCER

Payouts, rules revealed for 'World Series' event

THOMPSON, Conn. — American-Canadian Tour (ACT) and Pro All Stars Series (PASS) officials have announced the purse structure, rules, and other information for a trio of open shows at the 58th World Series of Speedway Racing. High-paying single-day events are planned for the Tour-type Modifieds, 350 Small Block Super Modifieds, and ACT-type Late Models on the Saturday portion of the 18-division card.

World Series promoters Cris Michaud and Tom Mayberry have posted more than \$26,000 in awards for the Tour-type Modified Open on Saturday, October 10. Whoever triumphs in the 75-lap main event will cash a \$5,000 winner's check. Everyone who takes the green flag receives a minimum of \$500 to start.

The event is open to cars that fit the rule sets of the Modified Racing Series, Race of Champions Modifieds, Tri-Track Open Modified Series, or Stafford Open Series. SK Modifieds may

also compete using any carburetor. The entry fee is \$50 for entries postmarked by October 1 and \$100 for entries sent after that date.

All entrants are required to run Hoosier 1320 tires on the left side and Hoosier 1330 tires on the right side. These tires must be purchased at the track from Hoosier Tire East. Teams may register up to six tires and need to have four registered tires on the car for both qualifying and the feature.

Both the 50-lap ACT-Type Late Model Open and the 30-lap 350 Super Modified Open will pay \$2,000 to win and \$300 to start. The Late Model feature has just over \$14,000 in total awards while the 350 Super Modified feature offers nearly \$13,000 in posted awards based on a 30-car starting field.

The Late Model event will use American-Canadian Tour and Thompson Late Model rules. The

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Bondsville Bowling News

By Dave Smigiel

After a six month layoff due to COVID-19, we have returned to complete our 2019-2020 season. To comply with state rules, we are now bowling on Tuesday and Wednesday nights with social distancing and mask wearing required. When we left off in March, one week remained in our regular season (position night) with two weeks of playoffs to follow. Two of the three divisions had been decided with Roll-a-Way qualifying for the post season in the East and the Incredibowls and Narutowicz (Wild Card) getting in in the West. Representing the Central would be either the Night Hawks or Sandri. The Hawks lead Sandri by half-point heading into the final week and as luck would have it these two teams would go head to head. The Hawks got the upper hand by eight pins in the first as Doug Grigas’ 106 and Gavin Sinclair’s 103 countered Rich Picotte’s 100 and Sean Andersen’s 102. Rich with a super 131 second along with Roland Horton’s 104 and Sean’s 109 enabled Sandri to take the second handily. Dave Fennyery’s 106 was the best the Hawks could manage. It would come down to the final string of the regular season with the

winner qualifying and the loser heading to the consolation bracket. Tough luck would beset the gas men in the finale with Dave Fennyery’s 116 and Gavin’s 106 plenty for a Hawk W and the Central crown. The Hawks took the pinfall point by three skinny little pins in this tight match. Dave topped the victors at 320 with Gavin at 309 while Rich led Sandri at 326 with Sean at 309. The Hawks would secure the final spot in our final four as the playoffs begin next week.

The Incredibowls and Narutowicz went at it with the Incredibowls coming out on top 5-2 winning pinfall by a dozen. Steve Swistak was the top gun for the Incredibowls as his 303 included 104 and 102 singles. Lee Robinson had a big night for the barnmen as his team leading 339 resulted from strings of 104, 111 and 124. String three was decided by five. These teams will battle again next week as the Incredibowls are the number two seed and the Towicz number three.

Roll-a-Way, the top seed in our playoffs, tuned up for their run with a 5-2 victory over Kibbe Saw Mill. All four of their bowlers topped 300 with Kylie Josefiak their best at 353. She opened with 94 but then came alive

with 126 and 133. Phil Clough followed at 341 (113, 108, 120), Dan “Shoe” Gauthier 336 (108, 111, 117) and Josh Lowell a pair of 103’s (303). String two went their way by six and pinfall by 17. Tony Burke was Kibbe’s leader as his 327 included singles of 124 and 107. Roll-a-Way will take on the Night Hawks in week one of the playoffs.

In other action with no playoff implications, the Snappers took seven from the Cannonballs as the shellmen, feeling no effects of the layoff, recorded their top yearly trifecta of 1510. Rusty Lambert was in mid-season form as his dynamite 375 series (117, 109, 149) paced the attack. He got help from Ed Stachowicz with his 334 (100, 133, 101), Andy Tombor with his 310 (109 & 117) and Kevin Krasnecky 111 and 302. Micah Hinckley was the lone bright spot for the Cannonballers as his excellent 362 resulted from strings of 103, 120 and 139. Ralph Marchessault added 109 and Keith Marchessault 112 in the losing effort. Pinfall by 129 to the Snappers.

Our second shutout featured the Slow Burners trouncing Zeke’s Freaks seven zip. All four Burners’ got in on the action with Scotty Radisic tops at 356 (103, 145, 108). Jody Orszulak

followed at 343 (117, 116, 110) with Dean Koczur adding 111 and 305 and Carl Oberg a 109-middle stanza. Peter Ducharme led the Freaks with his 109 single and 296 triple. The opening string went to the wire and was decided by six while pinfall was by one hundred.

The final match was decided by 12 pins as Fire Mountain got past the Fans of Kayce Smith 5-2. Rick Trott was the main man with his 134 and 324. He got needed help from Nate Robidoux with his 112 and Bob LaPlante with his 101 and 102 singles. All four Fans were over 300 but spotting 40 pins per string was too much to overcome. Mike Nicholson with 332 (a pair of 116’s and 100) topped the Fans. Rich Dunnack added 314 (107 and 109), Brian Rowe 113 and 312 and Tom Clauson 108 and 305. Six pins was the margin of victory in the third.

All teams will be in action for the next two weeks as we finish our season. All matches will be decided by total pinfall and not points. The top three triples this week belonged to: Rusty Lambert with 375, Micah Hinckley 362 and Scott Radisic 356. The top three singles were rolled by: Russ with 149, Scott 145 and Micah 139.

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ranging from 1 to 3 per person, and that player will be allowed to give those passes to family or friends to attend the game. Fans who attend the games must socially distance, stay away from the participants, and wear face coverings in order to watch the games. There also could be restricted areas for seating at game sites.

Those fans will not be permitted to travel to away games and will be turned away by other schools.

There are a few schools, either due to staffing, field configuration, or other factors, that are not allowing any fans at all to games. Ware confirmed last Thursday there will be no fans allowed at games to start the fall season. The Ware Athletic Department is hopefully to develop a plan as the season progresses so some fans can be welcomed back to fields.

The rules will be in place for at least the fall season, and Stratton said unless a specific school makes a more stringent restriction, a limited number of fans will be allowed indoors to watch volleyball games as well.

Stratton said participants in the contests, such as players, coaches, and officials, do not count toward the 50 restriction for gatherings.

The MIAA has set an Oct. 1 date for the start of games. There will be approximately 10 to 12 contests for soccer, field hockey, and girls volleyball, allowing parents approximately 5 to 6 chances to see games this season.

Parents and athletes should check with their specific high school’s athletic department for details on that school’s fan rules.

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created a competitive environment that has drawn high level players across New England year after year,” stated Howarth.

At age 29, a professional career for Howarth in the NWSL seemed a longshot, but the Mutiny captain amassed a stellar campaign last season for the Mutiny that could not be overlooked by NWSL scouts as she was invited to pre-season camp by five NWSL teams before settling in Orlando. Howarth finished the season with 20 goals scored and 4 assists.

“What made Kate’s season extraordinary was that she scored in every regular season game and both play-off games. Whatever metrics an organization uses to evaluate a player they can toss those out the window when someone can produce like that against high quality competition. Kudos to Orlando for signing Kate as they will find her passion and work ethic contagious. Her impact on the Mutiny organization and to me personally is indescribable” added Ferrara.

Howarth was selected to the UWS Team of the Week on five occasions in 2019 and currently stands as the only player in UWS to top 100 points scored.

“UWS gave me a place to develop, learn, and become the player I am today. The league gave me the opportunity to play with so many high-level players throughout the years, all of which taught me things that I have taken with me. Above anything, I think it gave me the chance to learn how to be a leader and instilled the confidence I needed to walk out with my new teammates today,” added Howarth.

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town, Ma) needed a statement run to keep his championship hopes alive, and he accomplished exactly that.

Rocketing into the lead on lap two, Buffone sailed to his third win of the summer, getting the job done with his uncle, Tommy O’Sullivan, glued to his bumper. Last season’s top gun, Dave Greenslit, was strong in third and, at the end of the night, Chase Curtis went home two points ahead of brother Jaret, with Buffone still in the hunt, 28 back.

Firing from row three, C.J. Johnson took control of the Pure Stock feature on lap three and then checked out on the field to score his first win of the summer. Chris Davis, needing to make big inroads on points leader Mike Douglas, took second on lap five but, with Douglas quickly pulling up to his bumper, could make only a minimal gain.

Douglas enters next Saturday’s Championship Night event 36 points ahead of Davis, who, still mathematically alive in the title hunt, is the only 2019 champion capable of repeating that success.

Monadnock Speedway will conclude its pandemic-abbreviated 2020 racing season when it hosts its annual Championship Night races – with four divisional crowns still undecided, and many extras scheduled - next Saturday, September 26. Post time for that event is 2 p.m.

MONADNOCK SPEEDWAY SEPTEMBER 19 RESULTS:

Pure Stocks - CJ Johnson, Chris Davis, Mike Douglas, Dylan Adams, Jimmy Zellman, Cory Lofland, JD Stockwell, Nick Houle, Jake Bosse, Jason Leray, Tucker Houle, Ryan Lawliss, Matt Lambert, Trevor Carey, Brandon Lavoie

Late Model Sportsman - Robert Hagar, Camdyn Curtis, Justin Littelwood, John Meany, James Beck, Nancy Muni-Ruot, Chris Balls, Cole Littlewood, Dan Comeau, Ronald Laperche, Aaron Fellows, Tyler Les-cord (DNS)

Mini Stocks - Emerson Cayer, Louie Maher, Nathan Wenzel, Kevin Cormier, Gordon Farnum, Pat Houle, Jeff Asselin, Tim Leblanc, Bill Chaffee, Jake Puchalski, Kevin McKnight, Ray King, Dan Sweeney, Kevin Clayton, Matt Sonnhalter, David Thibodeau (DNS)

Mini Stock Battle for the Belt Champion - Gordon Farnum

Street Stocks - Chris Buffone, Tommy O’Sullivan, Dave Greenslit, Mike Radzuik, Chase Curtis, Jaret Curtis, Hillary Renaud, Ed Brehio III, Robbie Streeter, Tim Wenzel, Bryan Granger, Paul Barnard (DNS)

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MIAA announces partnership with ‘kindness partner’

FRANKLIN – The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) is proud to announce a partnership with Choose To Be Nice (CTBN) as the Official Kindness Partner of the MIAA. This first-of-its kind partnership amplifies the message that sports and kindness are intricately connected, both on and off the field.

“Choose To Be Nice’s message of kindness lines up perfectly with the MIAA’s values,” said Bill Gaine, Executive Director of MIAA. “Spreading kindness is a choice all of our stakeholders – student athletes, coaches, school administrators and more – can agree on. We are excited about helping to bring the message of kindness to the MIAA community.”

Choose To Be Nice offers a wide array of tools and programs to help schools, companies and organizations build and sustain a lasting culture of kindness. The MIAA/CTBN partnership will put the issue of kindness front and center on and off the playing field and come to life through a number of creative initiatives.

“We’re over the moon to be working with MIAA to help bring a very simple, but powerful message of choice and kindness to the entire MIAA community of student athletes, coaches, administrators and families” said Dina Creiger, Founder of Choose To Be Nice. “We look forward to working with MIAA to infuse a lasting culture of kindness throughout the MIAA community and to help make a meaningful impact on and off the playing field.”

About Choose To Be Nice: Headquartered in Needham, MA, Choose To Be Nice is a social enterprise dedicated to building communities where kindness, empathy, inclusion, and appreciation for others prevail and where people thrive through meaningful connections with others at home, in school, at work and in our communities. They offer social and emotional learning (SEL) programs for schools, companies and organizations and apparel and merchandise all sporting the Choose To Be Nice message. For more information, please visit www.choosetobenice.com.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Emaciation

6. Million barrels per day (abbr.)

9. Light dry-gap bridge system (abbr.)

13. Anatomical term

14. Tropical starchy tuberous root

15. Jewish calendar month

16. Round Dutch cheese

17. Western Pacific republic

18. List of foods

19. It can strike the ground

21. Drenches

22. Some are cole

23. ___ Squad

24. Expresses emotion

25. One point east of due south

28. Satisfaction

29. Holds nothing back

31. Top of the body

33. Not well-liked

36. Did slowly

38. Greek goddess of the dawn

39. Gland secretion

41. Vital to existence

44. Aristocratic young women

45. Erik ___, composer

46. Not young

48. Jewish term for “Sir”

49. Secondary school

51. ___ student: learns to heal

52. Regarding

54. Highly excited

56. Mainly

60. Thin, narrow piece of wood

61. Cakes

62. Biomedical nonprofit

63. Dried-up

64. One who is symbolic of something

65. Body part

66. Muslim ruler

67. Women from

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1. Not us

2. Helper

3. Bleat

4. Type of chair

5. Jr.’s father

6. Necessary for certain beverages

7. Hillside

8. Dutch painter Gerrit ___

9. Gave a new look

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12. Type of fund

14. From an Asian island

17. Malay boat

20. Western Australia indigenous people

21. Cluster on underside of fern frond

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25. The woman

26. It may be green

27. Makes less severe

29. One from Beantown

30. Cavalry sword

32. Metric linear unit

34. Hawaiian dish

35. Yokel

37. Dissuade

40. Mutual savings bank

42. ___ Caesar, comedian

43. Primordial matters

47. We all have it

49. Hermann ___, author of “Siddhartha”

50. Historic MA coastal city

52. Shady garden alcove

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DEATH NOTICES

Andre (White),
Phyllis J.
Died September 15,
2020

Perkins, Cheryl L.
Died September 4,
2020
Services are private

The Journal Register
OBITUARY POLICY

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries. One is a free, brief **Death Notice** listing the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place.

The other is a **Paid Obituary**, costing \$100, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph. **Death Notices & Paid Obituaries** should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

O B I T U A R I E S

Phyllis J. (White) Andre, 85

Phyllis J. (White) Andre, 85, passed away with the love of her family surrounding her in her home on September 15, 2020. Born March 3, 1935 in Palmer, she was the daughter of Eugene and Doris (Walder) White. Phyllis has lived most of her life in Palmer and for a few years resided in Ludlow. She was a communicant of the former St. Anne's Church and now of Divine Mercy Parish. Phyllis's hands were always busy quilting, painting beautiful toll paintings, canning the fresh vegetables grown and tending to the flowers of her gardens. She will be dearly missed by her husband of 68 years, Antonio "Tony" along with their

devoted children, Debra Ingalls and husband Cliff of Three Rivers, Diana Doane and husband Deacon Gary of Thorndike as well as daughter, Judith Auclair of Wilbraham and son, Thomas Andre of Springfield. Her siblings, John and Shirley along with grandchildren, Jessica Gasbarino and husband Ernie, Tracey Slovin and great grandchildren, Gabriella and Vincenzo Gasbarino and Zachary Slovin also survive her. Visitation will be held Wednesday, Sept. 23rd from 4-7 p.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral



Home. Friends and family may gather between 9-9:15 a.m. at the funeral home with a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at Divine Mercy Church followed by burial in St. Anne's Cemetery. For those wishing, donations may be made in her memory to either Baystate Hospice, 30 Capitol Dr., W. Springfield 01089 or Divine Mercy Church, 2267 Main St., Three Rivers, MA 01080. For more information, please visit www.beersandstory.com

Cheryl L. Perkins, 64

Cheryl L. Perkins, 64 of Monson, partner of Robert Huntington, passed away Friday Sept. 4 at Wing Hospital in Palmer. She is the daughter of Carol A. Gallagher and the late Orville L. Perkins. Born on June 8, 1956 in Burlington, VT she lived in Monson for the last 28 years. She worked in the antique and auction busi-

ness alongside Robert. She is survived by many family members; a brother, Ronald Perkins; a stepson, Trevor Huntington and a stepdaughter, Chelsea Huntington. Services are private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be



made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To send an online expression of sympathy, please visit www.adamscremationct.com Adams Cremation of Willimantic is serving the family.

Baystate Health and Community Benefits Advisory Councils issue Request for Proposals for Better Together Grants

Initial letter of intent is due Friday, Oct. 23

SPRINGFIELD - Baystate Health in partnership with its Community Benefits Advisory Councils (CBAC) is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Better Together Grants.

The goal of Baystate Health's Community Benefits Program's 2020 Better Together Grants is to bring together health and community-based social service organizations across Baystate's four hospital service areas to address social determinants of health, improve health outcomes, and reduce health inequities. The aim is to develop approaches that, by targeting the social determinants of health, will improve people's overall well-being and make local communities healthier places to live, while complementing the health care system's current services.

Applicants can submit one proposal with the proposed project aligning with the hospital's priority Social Determinant of Health:

- Baystate Franklin Medical Center: Social Environment
- Baystate Medical Center: Education
- Baystate Noble Hospital: Built environment
- Baystate Wing Hospital: Social environment

For more detailed definitions and examples of interventions for each of the above health priorities, applicants can review the Massachusetts Department of Health (MDPH) Determination of Need (DoN) Health Priority Guidelines at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/health-priority-0/download> Applicants are asked to carefully review the RFP grant guidelines prior to submitting their Letter of Intent, which is due Friday, Oct. 23, at 11:59 p.m.

A virtual general information session will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 2:30 – 4 p.m. All interested organizations and applicants are encouraged to register for the information session.

For those who cannot attend, the session is being recorded and

will be available for access at baystatehealth.org/applyforfunding.

All applicants who submit a Letter of Intent in October will be invited to a second information session on Nov. 10 from 2:30 – 4 p.m. in preparation for their submission of the full application in December.

Final applications are due Friday, Dec. 4 at 11:59 p.m. with award decisions to be made in late January 2021.

Funding for the 2020 Better Together Grants RFP is made possible through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's (MDPH) Determination of Need (DoN) Community Health Initiative (CHI) requirements related to the replacement of Baystate Medical Center's Electrophysiology Catheterization Labs approved in November 2018.

For more information, contact Brittney Rosario at 413-794-1801, or email governmentcommunity@baystatehealth.org.

Eastern States Exposition launches virtual marketplace of Big E vendors

Eastern States Exposition has launched The Big E Marketplace – a webpage that helps connect its fairgoers to their favorite vendors where they can shop for the goods and services that make the Fair experience unique and exciting. The Marketplace launched on Friday, Sept. 18, which would have been Opening Day of the 2020 Big E, and will operate until December 31.

"It brings me great pleasure to provide our fairgoers with a platform that will connect them to their favorite Big E products," ESE president and CEO Gene Cassidy said. "It is our hope that The Big E Marketplace will provide our national, international and "mom-and-pop" vendors with the support that they need to return to the 2021 Big E

Sept. 17 – Oct. 3."

Fairgoers will access The Marketplace by visiting www.TheBigE.com and clicking on the icon that will open the "door" to their favorite vendors. Participating businesses are listed by location – Better Living Center, Craft Common, Outdoor Exhibitors, State Buildings, Young Building and Ireland's Dingle Peninsula Showcase. Vendors who opted to be part of our Marketplace are included.

The Marketplace is this year's home away from home for more than 120 of our Big E Vendors. As an example, customers who are hoping to find their favorite steam mop, Western gear or soy candle can click on the Better Living Center. Those who are searching for the perfect

gift for a friend or family member can access participating Crafters where they'll find hand blown glass, homemade ornaments, mittens and more.

Take a virtual trip across the pond to Ireland through the Marketplace where you can visit all your favorite companies that comprise The Big E's Ireland Dingle Peninsula Showcase.

When a customer clicks on a desired location, it will bring them to the Exposition's list showing all the participating vendors that are in that location as well as a link to their website, product description and social media pages. If a business does not have a website or social media page, contact information is provided.

Police/Fire

Police Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Police Department responded to 10 arrests or summons from Sept. 14 to Sept. 22. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court at future date and are innocent until proven guilty.

Friday, Sept. 18,

Gary M. Plamondon, 59, of 115 Monticello Ave., Springfield, was arrested at 5:23 p.m. on Park Street in Palmer, for operating under the influence of drugs; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; license not in possession and possession of a Class B drug.

Joshua Scott Larace, 36, of 74 Bexhill St., Springfield, was arrested at 8:09 on Thorndike Street in Palmer, on charges of shoplifting by asportation; resisting arrest; possession of a Class B drug and an arrest warrant.

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to 18 calls from Sept. 14 through Sept. 20.

On Monday, Sept. 14, at 10:10 a.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Gate Street and Thorndike. The department returned to service at 10:47 a.m.

On Monday, Sept. 14, at 10:15 a.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident at the intersection of Ware Street and Thorndike. The department returned to service at 11:06 a.m.

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 2:04 a.m., the department conducted a hazmat release investigation w/ no hazmat on River Street. The department returned to service at 2:50 a.m.

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 6:41 a.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide detector malfunction on Church Street. The department returned to service at 7:04 a.m.

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 9:35 a.m., the department responded to a carbon monoxide detector malfunction on Church Street. The department returned to service at 9:41 a.m.

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 8:08 p.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Pleasant Street. The department returned to service at 8:21 p.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 9:02 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Park Street. The department returned to service at 9:31 a.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 2:12 p.m., the department responded to a combustible liquid spill in the intersection of North Main Street and Shearer Street. The department returned to service at 2:32 p.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 5:27 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on Depot Street. The department returned to service at 5:42 p.m.

On Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 6:10 p.m., the department responded to an odor of smoke on Hill Street. The department returned to service at 6:48 p.m.

On Thursday, Sept. 17, at 5:35 a.m., the department provided med-

Melissa Larace, 35, of 74 Bexhill St., Springfield, was arrested at 8:09 p.m. on Thorndike Street in Palmer, on charges of shoplifting by asportation; possession of a Class A drug; possession of a Class B drug; resisting arrest; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; failing to yield/stop for police; number plate violation to conceal ID; unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle; marked lanes violation; speeding; failing to stop/yield and two arrest warrants.

Marcus Steffen Clay, 43, of 29 Mill Lane Rd., Brimfield, was arrested at 9:19 p.m. in the intersection of Thorndike Street and Woodland Heights, on charges of leaving scene of personal injury; negligent operation of a motor vehicle operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license; unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle; leaving scene of property damage; a marked lanes violation; trespassing and possession of a Class A drug.

ical assistance on Breckenridge Street. The department responded at 6:03 a.m.

On Friday, Sept. 18, at 10:02 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Ware Street. The department returned to service at 10:35 a.m.

On Friday, Sept. 18, at 12:00 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Commercial Street. The department returned to service at 12:35 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 18, at 8:47 p.m., the department responded to a call that was cancelled en route on North Main Street. The department returned to service at 8:50 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 18, at 9:21 p.m., the department responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Thorndike Street. The department returned to service at 10:33 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 18, at 11:18 p.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Pleasant Street. The department returned to service at 11:37 p.m.

On Sunday, Sept. 20, at 1:35 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Depot Street.

On Sunday, Sept. 20, at 1:58 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Write Street. The department returned to service at 2:23 p.m.

THREE RIVERS

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to six calls from Sept. 19 through Sept. 20.

On Thursday, Sept. 19, at 12:39 p.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning on Burlingame Street. The department returned to service at 1:00 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 20, at 11:28 a.m., the department responded to a residential lock-out on Springfield Street. The department returned to service at 11:34 a.m.

On Friday, Sept. 20, at 1:36 p.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Cedar Street. The department returned to service at 2:02 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 20, at 3:12 p.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Glenn Street. The department returned to service at 3:28 p.m.

MONSON

The Monson Police Department made two arrests from Sept. 13 to Sept. 18. Those arrested will appear in the Palmer District Court at a future date and are innocent until proven guilty.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Salina Fiorgia Bortolussi, 28, of 1126 S. Main St., Palmer was arrested at 7:30 p.m. on charges of possession to distribute a Class A drug and possession of a Class A drug.

Friday, Sept. 18

Keila Yvette, Bayanilla, 30, of 263 Palmer Rd., Apt. #2, Monson, was arrested at 3:58 p.m. on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

On Friday, Sept. 20, at 3:28 p.m., the department secured a landing zone for Life Flight. The department returned to service at 4:08 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 20, at 5:10 p.m., the department responded to a smoke alarm activation on Baptist Hill Road. The department returned to service at 5:15 p.m.

BONDSDVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to 6 calls from Sept. 15 through Sept. 21.

On Thursday, Sept. 19, at 2:19 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on Palmer Road. The department returned to service at 2:34 p.m.

On Saturday, Sept. 19, at 11:51 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Pine Street. The department returned to service at 12:18 a.m.

On Sunday, Sept. 20, at 3:22 p.m., the department provided mutual aid on Barker Street in Three Rivers to assist an injured person. The call was cancelled enroute and the department returned to service at 3:38 p.m.

On Monday, Sept. 21, at 9:19 a.m., the department responded to an alarm activation and propane gas leak on Pine Street. The department returned to service at 10:30 a.m.

On Monday, Sept. 21, at 11:33 a.m., the department responded to a truck leaking fluids on Hillside Drive. The department to service at 1:12 p.m.

On Monday, Sept. 21, at 10:03 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on Main Street. The department returned to service at 10:05 p.m.

MONSON

The Monson Fire Department responded to two fire calls and 19 EMS calls from Sept. 14 to Sept. 20.

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 6:45 p.m., the department conducted a smoke investigation on Stafford Road. The department returned to service at 7:15 p.m.

On Sunday, Sept. 20, at 9:42 a.m., the department responded to a brush fire in the town of Hamden. The department returned to service at 5:40 p.m.

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"(COVID-19) is not our fault," Clarke said in response to the negative comments left on social media about the schools' remote opening. "I'm completely disheartened to hear there were parents yelling at the staff," said school committee member Emily Graves-Harrison. "I know the teachers are trying and they're using the tools they have."

"I feel for the teachers," said committee member Kate Peterson, who works as a teacher in Palmer. "Remote teaching is not easy."

Clarke said on the first day of school, there were several connection issues with Zoom. She said the schools plan to switch to platform Go Guardian, which is "more like

real-life teaching" and will be a better alternative to Zoom, since Zoom "hasn't been very effective or consistent."

The high school students seem to have adjusted well to online learning, but some of the younger students, especially those in first and second grade, were having issues with the remote platforms, Clarke said.

"This situation sucks, I keep saying that," said committee chair Jeff Lord. "If any one of you (online critics) really think you can do a better job than the amazing team we've put together, I'll be happy to take your resume. But otherwise, I'd suggest you spend a day with Dr. Clarke... our team has gone above and beyond."

During the meeting, the committee also unanimously voted to approve a request from town clerk Mary Watson to move the voting location for the Nov. 3 presidential election to Quarry Hill School, which will provide "more space, more staff, and more voting booths for the voters coming in," Watson said.

"Right now, as of today I have 1,659 people voting by mail," Watson said. "That will increase because we're going to have 14 days of early voting."

Voting will be held in the gymnasium of the school, which will be roped off from the rest of the school, and voters will leave through the pool entrance, according to Watson.

UMass Theater announces a slate of digital projects for Fall 2020

This semester, UMass Theater’s venue is a space online instead of a stage, fusing theatrical creativity with modern technology to safely reach the farthest corners of the local community.

All events are free of charge (although UMass Theater gratefully accepts donations from those who are able to give).

When The Soul Looks Out: Selections from Dr. Yusef Lateef’s Creative Writing

Curated and directed by Priscilla María Page

Dr. Yusuf Lateef is a towering figure in jazz, a deeply spiritual and philosophical man whose recordings and teachings have left a lasting imprint in the world of music. We are proud to be a part of the Centennial Celebration of Yusef Lateef, coordinated by Glenn Siegel as part of the Magic Triangle Series out of the UMass Fine Arts Center. To honor Dr. Lateef’s legacy, Dr. Page has curated a filmed presentation of his writings, Midnight in the Garden of Love, Spheres, and Another Avenue, performed by Five College and UMass Theater alumni, faculty, and students with guest artists Miles Griffith, Mary LaRose, and Fay Victor.

Presented by the UMass Fine Arts Center’s Magic Triangle Series and UMass Theater.

When The Soul Looks Out will premiere online on Oct. 9 and will remain accessible to viewers afterward. Visit the Fine Arts Center Box Office for information on this curated reading, as well as the other presentations that are part of Dr. Lateef’s Centennial Celebration.

COVEN-19, or, Magicks for Unprecedented Times

Produced by Maegan Clear-

wood, Percival Hornak, and Helen Rahman

2020 is on fire, and more than ever, we are being called upon to own our individual and collective powers, make meaning out of utter chaos, and manifest tangible, seismic change. In late October, when the veil between our world and the other is at its very thinnest, our Coven will perform a live, remote ritual for the community that addresses the grief and pain we are all experiencing - but also the potential for transformation in these strange times. The time is ripe for magick-making: join us.

Presented live online Oct. 29 and 31 at 7:30 pm and Oct. 30 at Midnight.

Visionary Futures: Science Fiction Theatre for Social Justice Movements

Conceived and directed by Josh Glenn-Kayden

This project takes its inspiration from the Octavia’s Brood anthology, which explores the connections between radical speculative fiction and movements for social change. We are commissioning three professional playwrights to each write a 30-minute play of visionary fiction that confronts urgent issues of our time. Each writer will be paired with an activist whose work intersects with the play’s subject matter. These writer/activist teams will collaborate to create work that is visionary in its approach while also grounded in contemporary activist thought.

The plays, written to be performed digitally, will be in conversation with each other and will present three different visions of future worlds. Join us for staged readings of excerpts in the fall, with full productions during the spring semester.

Presented live online: Play 1 on

Nov. 12 at 7:30; Play 2 on Nov. 15 at 7:30, Play 3 on Nov. 19 at 7:30 pm, play titles to be announced.

Café Subterrain

Devised and directed by Rudy Ramirez, with coordinator Yao Chen

Immersive theater works by placing its audience amid the action; we’re taking this concept remote. Café Subterrain invites audience members to gather in a digital café where they’ll journey through virtual rooms to meet resistance agents from across time and space who will share their stories and empower audience members to commit small acts of change in their home communities. The idea: to give comfort and hope that the world can emerge from hardship to a better place, and that the struggle can feel like celebration.

Presented live online: Dec. 1, 2 & 3 at 7:30 p.m. A second iteration of this production is planned for spring, dates to be announced.

Pandemic Podcast

Conceived and produced by Bianca Dillard

What are the stories behind the staggering numbers? Theater is about storytelling, and this podcast will draw on theater to tell the story of this pandemic from a multiplicity of perspectives, interviewing experts and folks with first-hand experience of the disease, whom we might not otherwise encounter in our isolation. Together, a team of interviewers, writers and sound design students and faculty mentors will look at topics such as how the pandemic is disproportionately adversely affecting populations of color; how mask wearing has become a polarizing political issue; and what healthcare workers are experiencing.

Look for this series to be posted online this winter.

STCC marks 15th anniversary of the Diversity Series with fall lineup

SPRINGFIELD — Celebrating its 15th anniversary, the Springfield Technical Community College fall Diversity Series kicks off Sept. 21 at 12:15 p.m. with a talk by writer, activist and comedian Baratunde Thurston.

Thurston, an Emmy-nominated host who has worked for The Onion, produced for The Daily Show, advised for the Obama White House and wrote the New York Times bestseller “How To Be Black,” will speak to STCC students and the community through a Zoom webinar.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Diversity Series events will be presented as Zoom webinars. For information about how to join the webinars, visit stcc.edu/diversity. All events are free and open to the public.

“We’re excited to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Diversity Series,” said Vonetta Lightfoot, multicultural affairs operations manager at STCC. “In this most unusual year, we have put together a terrific lineup while also taking steps to ensure everyone’s safety. While the performances and presentations won’t be on campus in front of a live audience, I feel confident that our students and the community will

be inspired and engaged.”

Lightfoot added, “Over the past 15 years, we have brought a range of talented speakers and performers to STCC. For so many students and people in our community, the Diversity Series is an eye-opening and powerful experience. They might otherwise never have an opportunity to see some of the speakers and performers.”

The series began in fall 2006 under the direction of Lightfoot’s mother, Myra D. Smith. The series has drawn well-known speakers such as Michael Eric Dyson, a professor, minister and political commentator, Ruth E. Carter, an Academy Award winning costume designer for film and television, Nicholas Kristof, New York Times writer and winner of two Pulitzer Prizes, and many more notable personalities.

The following speakers are scheduled for fall 2020:

• Sept. 21, 12:15 p.m., Baratunde Thurston, writer, activist and comedian.

• Sept. 24, noon, Jose Gonzalez & Banda Criolla, a Latinx virtual celebration. This musical event will be pre-recorded.

• Oct. 5, 2 p.m., Lawrence Ross, author of “The Divine Nine: The History of African Ameri-

can Fraternities and Sororities,” a Los Angeles Times best seller, and “Blackballed: The Black and White Politics of Race on America’s Campuses.”

• Oct. 16, 2 p.m., Denice Frohman, poet, educator and performer from New York City. She is a CantoMundo Fellow, former Women of the World Poetry Slam Champion and National Association of Latino Arts & Cultures grant recipient.

• Oct. 19, 2 p.m., Blair Imani, historian, advocate and activist. She is the author of two historical books, “Modern HERstory: Stories of Women and Nonbinary People Rewriting History” and “Making Our Way Home: The Great Migration and The Black American Dream.”

The Diversity Speaker & Performance Series, coordinated by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, brings a global array of speakers and performers to campus. The series features unique and artistic visual experiences for its audience as well as creates an on-going dialogue around topics of race, diversity, equity, education and cultural appropriation. Open to the public, free of charge, the series is legendary in the Greater Springfield Community.

BUSINESS

Turley Publications is liberal with regard to its business coverage policies, but we do have some standards folks need to understand. First, local businesses and merchants are just as much institutions in our towns as the library and schools. Without them, there are no towns.

We will feature coverage of local businesses that are new, have a major expansion, moving, closing, under new management or ownership, celebrating a milestone anniversary, or have been thrust into the news realm. Merchants can request that coverage through the editor, or for our existing advertising clients, through their ad representatives.

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Public notices

PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Ordinance, Chapter 168, the Palmer Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Marc Cardaropli of 19 New Hampshire Avenue in Palmer, MA.

The applicant submitted a Notice of Intent for activities associated with construction of a garage. The work is proposed within the 100-foot Buffer Zone

to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW), and the locally protected 50-foot vegetated buffer strip to BVW.

The project site is located at 19 New Hampshire Avenue in Palmer, MA 01069, and is also known as: Map 16 Lot 28.

Public Participation will be via Virtual Means Only - Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Palmer Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. The

public may participate in this meeting via Remote Participation: A website for the meeting will be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town’s website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Copies of the Notice of Intent may be examined electronically by visiting this Website: <https://www.townofpalmer.com/conservation>

Donald Blais Jr., Chair
Palmer Conservation Commission

9/24/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103

(413)748-7758 Docket No. HD20P1552EA Estate of: Cheryl L. Denoncourt Date of Death: 05/23/2020 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Barbara Petrucelli** of Monson, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Barbara Petrucelli** of Monson, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **an unsupervised**

administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/15/2020.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 15, 2020

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
9/24/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of MA Gen. Laws, Chap. 255, Sec. 39A, the following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage charges due:

T O Y O T A VIN:4T1BK36B0UD91457 Nelson Rodriguez 92 Stafford ST Wales, M A ; **T O Y O T A** VIN:4T1BG2K8XU488546 David Colver 119 Baxter RD Hyannis, MA; **CHEVY** VIN:1G1JC1243Y7101143 Patricia Pickett 17 French ST Springfield, MA; **GMC** VIN:1GTCS1449X8522826 Charles Mundell 56 Done RD Ware, MA; **FORD** VIN:2FAFP73W55X114315 Carolyn Smiens 616 9th ST Kenyon, MN; **FORD** VIN:1FAFP55S93G212653 Susan Karnbach 19 Memory LN Palmer, MA. This auction is to take place on October 9, 2020, 10:00 A.M. at LaBontes & Son LLC, 241 Wilbraham St., Palmer, MA 01069. 9/24, 10/1, 10/8/2020

PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Ordinance, Chapter 168, the Palmer Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Solitude Lake Management c/o Meadowbrook Green Condominium Association,

Inc of 36 Meadowbrook Lane, Palmer, MA 01069

The applicant has submitted a Notice of Intent for the Ecological Restoration of Meadowbrook Green Condo Ponds through utilizing selective aquatic herbicide and algaecide treatments with USEPA/MA DAR registered herbicides and other BMPs to control growth of nuisance aquatic plant species and invasive plant species, (specifically white and yellow waterlily and purple loosestrife), improve fish habitat, improve water quality and slow pond eutrophication.

The project site is located at Meadowbrook Green Condominium Association, Inc of 36 Meadowbrook Lane, Palmer, MA 01069 and is also known as: Map 18 Lot 47-1.

Public Participation will be via Virtual Means Only - Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Palmer Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. The public may participate in this meeting via Remote Participation: A website for the meeting will be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town’s website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Copies of the Notice of Intent may be examined electronically by visiting this Website: <https://www.townofpalmer.com/conservation>

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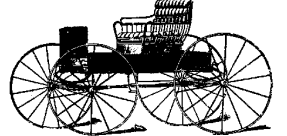
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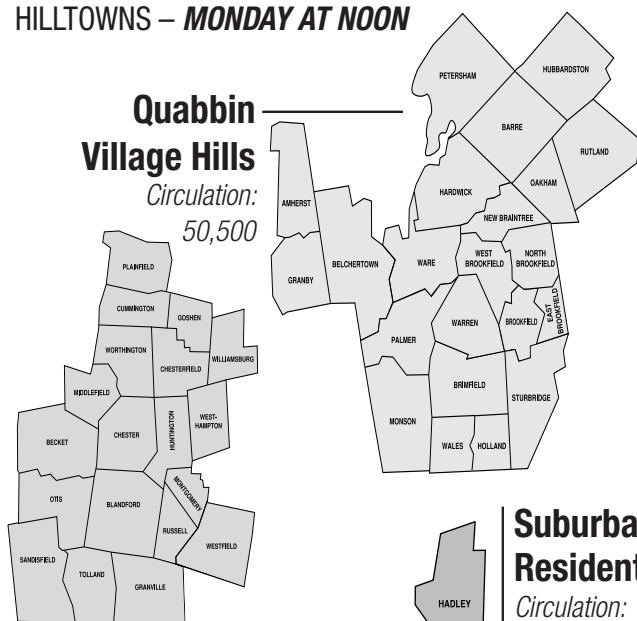
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STOCKBRIDGE – The Trustees of Reservations (The Trustees) has announced the return of The Incredible Naumkeag Pumpkin Show at Naumkeag, beginning Oct. 1 and running through Oct. 31.

The show, now in its second year, will feature more than 1,500 jack-o-lanterns, light displays and autumn surprises spread across the eight acres of designed landscape at the Gilded Age estate and public garden.

While the event will be adjusted to accommodate the regulations outlined by the Commonwealth to ensure the safety of our guests and staff, the Pumpkin Show will still offer the same magic and imagination that Trustees said visitors have come to expect at Naumkeag’s seasonal events.

“Fall is such a special time here in the Berkshires and we are so happy to be able to offer this experience again this year. While the number of people we are able to welcome to the property may be limited, the size, scope and spirit of the show will be bigger than ever,” said Brian Cruey, Southern Berkshire Director for The Trustees.



Due to COVID, only 50 people will be allowed on the property at a time. Guests to the Incredible Naumkeag Pumpkin Show will be required to wear masks, practice social distancing, and limit their visit to one hour in order to ensure as many people as possible get to experience the show. Pre-purchased, reservation-based tickets will be mandatory, and no tickets will be sold on-property.

“We’re asking everyone for their cooperation to make this event a success as there are a number of logistical challenges we’re working through that will require an effort on everyone’s part to keep the show up and running smoothly,” Cruey said. “But we’re confident the event everyone loved so much last year will be even bigger, better, and more memorable in 2020.”

In addition to the display of jack-o-lanterns, visitors will be able to enjoy snacks at the concession stand, participate in a scavenger hunt for kids, and have the option to purchase a pumpkin to take home when you purchase tickets in advance online.

The Incredible Naumkeag Pumpkin Show will run from Oct. 1-31 every Wednesday-Sunday from 4 – 9 p.m.

Tickets to the Incredible Naumkeag Pumpkin Show went on sale to the public on Friday, Sept. 18. To buy tickets, view pricing and get more information about the event visit this link. Those who want to become Trustees members to enjoy lower prices on these tickets and for other events can join now at thetrustees.org/membership/.

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